

I wish to offer support for the satellite radio companies to offer services such as instant traffic and localized weather. In an age where we are under constant threat of a terrorist attack, the ability of both XM and Sirius to offer localized information over their satellites not only provides a public benefit but gives me peace of mind to know that I will be informed should something happen. I know that XM's service is only providing traffic and weather information, but in the event of a local emergency, these channels can be used to provide necessary information that might save lives. I made the switch from the terrestrial radio stations to XM because of the content they offer, from the variety of music to the choices of the talk radio stations. I also turned away from terrestrial radio because of the amount of commercials. Nothing will drive me back to listening to terrestrial stations again, not even to get traffic updates.

It is in the public interest to allow XM and Sirius to provide the public traffic and weather information over their satellites. These stations can be used in the event of an emergency, and should be allowed to continue to operate. As long as the content is available throughout the US by means of the satellite and not limited to their repeater network, I feel they are honoring the spirit, if not the letter, of their agreements with the NAB and with the FCC.

If the NAB feels threatened by the services of XM and Sirius, they should go back to their members and offer the innovative content that both of these companies provide rather than trying to protect their fiefdoms.

Please allow XM and Sirius to continue doing the public good.

Thank you.